

May 11, 2021

Ms. Samantha Collings
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Dear Samantha ,

I am pleased to inform you that we are offering you admission to the Master of Science Graduate Program in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at The University of Western Ontario for September 1, 2021 as part of your MSc degree.

Drs. Weiping Min (weiping.min@uwo.ca) and Xiufen Zheng (xzheng26@uwo.ca) will be your supervisors and will assist you in selecting appropriate courses and in developing a suitable thesis topic.

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry recognizes that your choice to undertake full-time graduate study means that you are choosing to delay your entry into the full-time work-force. To help off-set the cost of full-time graduate enrollment, we are committed to providing funding support packages for eligible students. As part of this commitment, we are pleased to offer you a financial support package of:

- Domestic MSc
- A **minimum amount** of \$19,500.00 per year for two years conditional on you meeting our requirements for progression towards the degree.
- International MSc

Western's graduate funding support packages rank as some of the most competitive packages in Canada – they help reduce the cost of undertaking full-time graduate students, and reduce financial barriers for students who otherwise may be unable to pursue an advanced degree; funding support packages do not replace full-time employment income.

This funding support package may come from a variety of sources, including funding from the supervisor's research grant, external scholarship funds (such as NSERC, CIHR, OTS, OGS, QEII, etc.), a Graduate Teaching Assistantship, internal scholarship support (such as Western Graduate Research Scholarships, program-based scholarships, endowments, etc.), and university employment other than a Graduate Teaching Assistantship.

From your funding package total, you are expected to pay tuition and fees. Tuition and fee schedules (per term) are posted on the Office of the Registrar's website at www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/fees_refunds/fee_schedules.html

I strongly encourage you to visit this website so that you are aware of the deductions for tuition and fees.

The exact details of your funding package will be communicated to you in our Mercury Financial Support Package. You will receive this electronic package by September 30, 2021.

If you are awarded a major external scholarship, please let us know immediately, as your university support package may change.

Because this is a highly competitive program and there are many applicants anxious to know if they have been admitted, you will be extending a special courtesy to them, and us, by informing us of your decision as soon as you have made it. We will await your decision until May 25, 2021

If you plan to be in the London area, we invite you to visit us to meet some of our current graduate students and graduate faculty. In September, we will meet to discuss details of your program and answer any questions you may have at that time.

Western has an established record of excellence in Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Master of Science Graduate Program, as evidenced by the quality of our graduates and their career achievements. However, our continued success depends directly on the quality of the graduate students enrolled. Your application indicates that you have the ability, motivation, and commitment that are consistent with our expectations and aspirations.

We look forward to working with you in our Master of Science Graduate Program in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Sincerely,



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